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 Qing Ma et al.) Examiner: Not yet assigned
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 SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A)
LOW-K DIELECTRIC LAYER)
 Which is a Divisional of Application of:)
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 Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that this Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to examination of the above-identified patent application.

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